

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/885,167

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been examined, and claims 12-39 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and the Examiner has indicated that claims 8-11 have allowable subject matter.

I. Rejection under 35 C.F.R. § 102(b) over JP 09120568 to Shiyuuichi (“Shiyuuichi”)

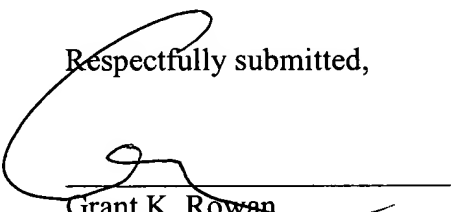
Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiyuuichi. Since allowable subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1, Applicant submits that the rejection is overcome.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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